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l am writing on behalf of the Weizmann Institute Foundation, registered charity no. 232666, to object to planning application ref 2013/7145/P.

We opposed to the initial planning of the building in 2012 (Ref: 2012/5492/P) and continue our opposition to this current property application.

In the first instance, the proposed building will be in clear view of our offices and it is very likely that there would be considerable disruption during the building works. There is a narrow entranceway into the Hampstead Gate estate, which we assume will also serve as the only entranceway to the proposed site of the new building. It would be detrimental to our organisation to have difficulties accessing our office. We have already had a number of instances where the access has been blocked for a few hours and we have been unable to come in or out of Hampstead Gate.

We can also assume that there would be considerable daytime noise while the building works are going ahead and due to our close proximity this will be extremely disruptive to our working day.

Another worry is regarding the car parking provision in the area. We have two car parking spaces in a private estate however as it is, we often have unauthorised vehicles park in our spaces, particularly in the evenings and weekends. The planning application approved plans for only 1 bicycle per dwelling. Cars also often block the entranceway. We know from asking these people that they find it hard to find places to park their cars if they want to access the shops along Finchley Road and often find our car park convenient for this reason. The idea of 2 new dwellings would add to the possibility of unauthorised parking in our spaces, particularly as our car parking spaces will be the nearest to the proposed buildings. To date, Shannon Integrated Services Ltd (the main contractors for the building works) park illegally in Hampstead Gate on a regular basis and we believe this will only increase if the works proceed.

The contractors have already destroyed our hedge (see 'Photo taken of Site after fence collapsed 5 Nov 2013' attached) which has now had to be replaced at an additional cost and we are concerned about any other damage that they will cause to Hampstead Gate. There is also a possible future issue of damage to our building based on the deep digging into the ground in order to create the foundation of the building and the proposed basement. We are concerned that this disruption to the foundations will have a long term effect on our building.

We also have a particularly problematic issue with rubbish and fly tipping at the entrance to 1a Frognal. This is residential waste (often kitchen related) and has been an on-going issue. I attach a number of photos showing the continual problems of the rubbish. We have complained many times to the council (as well as our local MP) since we moved in in January 2012 and the estate management company for Hampstead Gate currently employs a company to keep the area clean twice a week. Our concern would be that having additional residential dwellings using the same entrance could well add to this problem.

Lastly, we wonder whether it is wise to build a residential building so close to an estate of 9 office units, all with a single shared access which is fairly narrow?

We would be grateful if you could keep us informed of progress with this application and do hope that our concerns are taken into consideration.

